



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Honorable Richard G. Lugar
Chairman, Subcommittee on
European Affairs
Foreign Relations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your letter of 8 November asking me to support S.2919. I agree with you and Senator Biden that we must strengthen our capacity as a nation to analyze Soviet and East European affairs. This is particularly so now, when a new Soviet leadership faces critical choices on domestic and foreign issues that will affect directly our own foreign, defense, and intelligence policies.

As you know, the Department of Defense has played a leading role in fostering study of the Soviet bloc in this country, particularly by initiating and helping to sustain the National Council for Soviet and East European Research. Placing the efforts of this organization and others on a more permanent financial footing is a worthy goal, and I support S.2919 as an excellent measure to that end.

Sincerely,

NOT Referred to OSD. On-file OSD release instructions apply.

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